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## **SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS RECORDS GO ON LINE**

Bismarck, N.D. - North Dakotans can now search business records online in real time. Secretary of State Al Jaeger announced the recent rollout of a new business record search component that is available on his office's website at [www.state.nd.us/sec](http://www.state.nd.us/sec).

"This is a significant new service for North Dakota businesses, lawyers, law firms, and anyone who may be interested in starting a new business, or researching existing businesses," Jaeger said.

Jaeger's office receives numerous calls each day requesting information about the status of corporations, partnerships, trade names, and the names of registered agents, along with other related information. According to Jaeger, one of the most exciting features about the search component is that the information is live, which is a feature not available in many states.

"This means the information provided on the website matches, to the minute, the status of a business record, as it exists in the Secretary of State's database," said Jaeger.

To access all active business records (or, any record inactivated within the past twelve months), searchers only need the first few words of a business name, a significant word within that business name, or the ID number assigned to that record by the Secretary of State's office.

For additional information about the Secretary of State's new business records search, or for other related information, please see their web site at [www.state.nd.us/sec](http://www.state.nd.us/sec).

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